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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2008, Applicants request entry of the included amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks. Under the three-month shortened statutory period, the due date for response is February 14, 2009, which is a Saturday. Monday February 16, 2009 is a holiday (President's Day); accordingly, Applicants submit this response is timely filed on Tuesday February 17, 2009.

Applicants believe that no other fees are required with this response. If additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to the account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 29920-200170.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 3.
Amendments to the claims begin on page 5.
Remarks begin on page 7.